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TAGS: PFOR, SOPN, CSCE, PARM, SHUM, UR
SUBJECT: TASS OFFICIAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. TASS CHIEF OF FOREIGN INFORMATION YURI KORNILOV TOLD EMBASSY PRESS

ATTACHE MARCH 11 THAT SOVIETS ARE QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT CURRENT US-
USSR DISPUTE OVER HUMAN RIGHTS. SITUATION IS SEEN AS THREAT TO
OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, MOST IMPORTANTLY
AS IMPEDIMENT TO REACHING SALT II AGREEMENT.

2. KORNILOV SAID NUMEROUS SOVIET PRESS COMMENTARIES HAVE BEEN AIMED
AT US WITH THIS WARNING, BUT APPARENTLY MESSAGE IS NOT GETTING
THROUGH. SOVIETS SEE HUMAN RIGHTS AS "IDEOLOGICAL" QUESTION WHICH
SHOULD NOT INVOLVE LEADERS OF TWO SUPERPOWERS. ARMS AGREEMENTS,
ON OTHER HAND, ARE ESSENTIAL AND MUST NOT BE JEOPARDIZED. CONTINUED
DONTROVERSY OVER HUMAN RIGHTS WILL MAKE SECRETARY VANCE'S MISSION
"MORE DIFFICULT".

3. COMMENT KORNILOV DOES NOT STRIKE US AS ORIGINAL THINKER, RATHER
AN INFLUENTIAL EDITOR CHARGED WITH CONVERTING POLICY GUIDELINES INTO
TASS COMMENTARIES. HE IS PROBABLY NOT CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE KREMLIN TO
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KNOW IF THE WARNINGS HE IS VOICING REPRESENT A BLUFF OR A TRUE
THREAT.

4. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.
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Message Attributes

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